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VANCE, CYRUS P) (SCHMIDT, HELMUT)
SUBJECT: FRG PROPOSAL FOR JOINT STATEMENT CONCERNING
FRG-BRAZIL DEAL

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1. VAN WELL OF FOREIGN OFFICE (WHO SAT IN ON
DISCUSSION BETWEEN SECRETARY AND CHANCELLOR) TOLD
ME TODAY THAT FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PREPARED DRAFT
TEXT OF POSSIBLE JOINT STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED
IN CONNECTION WITH FRG DECISION TO APPROVE LICENSES
FOR BLUEPRINTS TO BRAZIL, AS SUGGESTED BY CHANCELLOR
TO SECRETARY. HE SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH
ME ABOUT STATEMENT AND TIMING OF ITS RELEASE AT ANY
TIME . I SAID I HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS .

2. WHEN I QUERIED VAN WELL ABOUT TIMING THEY ARE
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THINKING OF FOR JOINT STATEMENT, HE SAID BOTH
SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER ORIGINALLY HAD FELT THAT
DECISION TO ISSUE LICENSES AND JOINT STATEMENT
SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON
NUCLEAR POLICY IS RELEASED APRIL 7. HOWEVER, VAN
WELL FELT THAT JOINT US-FRG STATEMENT TIED TO
APPROVAL OF LICENSES FOR BRAZIL COMING JUST PRIOR

TO PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WOULD DETRACT FROM LATTER
AND WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE. HE THEREFORE BELIEVES THAT,
ALTHOUGH HE EXPECTS APPROVAL OF LICENSES WILL TAKE

PLACE IN NEXT FEW DAYS (IT WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED
OFFICIALLY BUT PRESUMABLY WILL BECOME KNOWN BEFORE
LONG), ISSUANCE OF JOINT STATEMENT SHOULD COME SOME
TIME AFTER RELEASE OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT. VAN
WELL THOUGHT CHANCELLOR AND GENSCHER HAD ACCEPTED
THIS REASONING.

3. COMMENT: IT IS APPARENT GERMAN SIDE IS PREPARING
TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO IMPLEMENT COURSE OF ACTION CHANCELLOR
OUTLINED TO SECRETARY.
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